## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A screen apparatus comprising

a tank for receiving paper raw materials and including an entrance for the paper raw materials, a selection exit and a foreign matter exit,

a cylindrical screen fixed in the tank and dividing the tank into a primary chamber and a secondary chamber, and

a stirring member which is rotatably supported inside the screen for stirring the paper raw materials, wherein

the entrance for the paper raw materials and the foreign matter exit face the primary chamber, and the selection exit faces the secondary chamber, respectively

the screen has a member including an opening facing the primary chamber and the secondary chamber,

a water supply passage member passes through the tank, the water supply passage member includes a water supply passage which is in communication with the opening facing the secondary chamber and which supplies water into the primary chamber.

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2. The screen apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the member is a ring provided around the screen,

the ring is provided with a plurality of openings, and the openings facing the secondary chamber are provided with

water supply passage members, respectively.

## 3. A screen apparatus comprising

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a tank for receiving paper raw materials including an entrance for the paper raw materials, a selection exit and a foreign matter exit,

a cylindrical screen fixed in the tank and dividing the tank into a primary chamber and a secondary chamber,

a stirring member which is rotatably supported inside the screen for stirring the paper raw materials,

the entrance for the paper raw materials and the foreign matter exit facing the primary chamber, and the selection exit facing the secondary chamber,

a ring provided around the screen and having a plurality of openings facing the primary chamber and the secondary chamber, and

a plurality of water supply passage members whose tip ends come into contact with the ring under pressure so that the water supply passage members are brought into communication with a plurality of openings facing the secondary chamber, the water supply passage members includes water supply passages which pass through the tank and supply water into the primary chamber.

4. The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the screen has first and second end surfaces which are opened to each other,

the first end surface is located closer to the entrance for the paper raw materials than the foreign matter exit, the second end surface is located closer to the foreign matter exit than the entrance for the paper raw materials,

the ring is located closer to the second end surface than the first end surface, and is provided in parallel to the first end surface and the second end surface.

- 5. The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the water supply passage member is mounted to an outer periphery of the tank such that the water supply passage member can move forward and backward.
- 6. The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the plurality of openings are arranged such as to be directed to a center of the tank.

7. The screen apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the plurality of openings are arranged such as to be directed to a center of the tank, and the openings are opposed to each other.

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